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SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING FORMATION OF NEW
TURKISH CABINET

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1. PRIMIN ECEVIT MET LATE MORNING SEPTEMBER 27 WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK. THEN BEGINNING SCENARIO OUTLINED REFTTEL, HE HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN EARLY AFTERNOON. MAIN POINTS IN LATTER WERE THAT ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) HAD DECIDED TO BE "MORE FLEXIBLE," I.E., NOT INSIST THAT IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS BE HELD IN DECEMBER. INSTEAD, ECEVIT SAID HE WOULD SEEK TO FORM A NEW COALITION THAT WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGETARY DEBATE PERIOD. (ACCORDING TO TURKIS LAW THE ANNUAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET MUST BE APPROVED EACH YEAR BY MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 28.) AS A RESULT OF THIS DECISION TO ADOPT MORE
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FLEXIBILITY, ECEVIT CONCLUDED THAT HE WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY A

NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER PARTY LEADERS.

2. PRIMIN WENT THEREAFTER FOR A PRO-FORMA CONSULTATION WITH SULEYMAN DEMIREL. AFTER A THIRTY MINUTE SESSION WITH THIS LEADER OF TURKEY'S LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY, THEY JOINTLY ANNOUNCED THAT NO COALITION BETWEEN THEIR TWO PARTIES WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

3. ECEVIT NEXT WENT TO CONSULT ORHAN OZTARK, VICE PRES. OF SMALL (THIRTEEN SEATS) REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY. (PARTY PRES. BEYZIOGLU IS IN STRASBOURG AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING.) THE ANNOUNCED RESULT OF THIS MEETING WAS INCONCLUSIVE, BUT WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN THIS PARLIAMENT THIS PARTY'S ROLE IS OBVIOUSLY MARGINAL.

4. TODAY'S KEY EFFORT BY ECEVIT WILL BEGIN AT SIX THIRTY P.M. WHEN HE MEETS ONCE MORE WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER BOZBEYLI.
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